

Preparedness at a Glance

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LHD Funding for ESF8 Conference Attendance

Funding and registration for the ESF8 Conference is now available on TRAIN using Course ID 1046745.

See page 4 for more details.

On the RADAR: Upcoming Deliverables

The purpose of this rotating list of the upcoming deliverables is to serve as a reminder of the tasks local health departments need to complete. Since many of the deliverables are due by the end of the fiscal year – June 30, 2014, our goal is to encourage LHDs to develop a plan on how you will work on the deliverables throughout the year.

Core Deliverables

• Joint Meetings

- Participate in Joint Meetings, Conference and ITVs.
- The next event is the ESF8 Conference **March 3 – 5** In Louisville at the Crowne Plaza Hotel

• Planning

- LHDs will develop, review and update (as necessary) the Local Health Department's jurisdiction SNS Plan. Update SNS Plan and Points of Dispensing (POD Book) Plans. **Due March 31, 2014.**
- LHDs will define their role in a mass fatality event. Coordinate with local Coroner to define the role of LHD staff during a Mass Fatality Event. **Due March 31 2014.**

MRC Deliverables

• Medical Reserve Corps Tasks

- Update the MRC unit's information and activities on the DCV/MRC website **by 3/31/14**, Contact: Heather.Walls@ky.gov for more information.

CRI Deliverables

• CRI Tasks

- LHDs identified as CRI counties will participate in all required CDC reviews, drills and exercises. **Due by March 31, 2014**
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HPP Deliverables

• HPP Planning Coordinate HPP planning activities

- Coordinate HPP response and planning activities to protect and enhance healthcare essential services and priority assets in order to ensure continued healthcare delivery to the community during a disaster. **Due June 30, 2014**

Deliverable Highlight – Participate in Joint Meetings, Conference and ITV

To meet this deliverable each LHD/DHD shall send one or more representatives to two Joint Meetings, the Preparedness/HPP Workshop (also known as the ESF8 Conference in Louisville), participate in three ITVs live or via webcast and attend regional meetings.

Registration for the conference is available now. **See page 4 for more details.**

The Joint meetings, ITVs and conference dates were distributed July 2013 with the deliverables to provide LHDs time to add these to their schedules.

Local News:

Jessamine County LHD Acts as Temporary Shelter during Fire

Submitted by Jason Dotson, RPC 15N

Nicholasville- A structure fire at a 12 unit apartment complex located at 108 N Central Avenue, left several people homeless but caused no injuries. The apartment complex is located a few hundred feet away from the Jessamine County Health Department.

Fire departments from Nicholasville, Wilmore and Jessamine County responded to the fire. Four units are a total loss, with eight other units having smoke damage. Approximately 50 people were displaced by the fire. Several victims suffered frostbite from the cold temps.

In consultation with Jessamine County Emergency Management, the health department became a temporary shelter for those affected by the fire. Jessamine County staff, along with Red Cross and Salvation Army, quickly stepped up to ensure that immediate needs were met.

Habitat for Humanity of Jessamine County, in cooperation with the Community Outreach Program of the Jessamine County Chamber of Commerce (CORE), has activated its Revitalize Our Communities in Kentucky (R.O.C.K.) program to assist the victims of an apartment complex fire in downtown Nicholasville.

This incident gave us all a reminder as to why we should plan, train and exercise together...and a reminder to count our blessings. Life can change in an instant.

Three Rivers District HD Responds to Water Main Break

Submitted by Barbara Yates

On January 7, 2014 a Kentucky American water main break in Owenton left much of Owen county without water. Water was not fully restored to the county for nearly a week. A boil water advisory was put in place and water distribution locations established across the County.

Three Rivers District Health Department responded rapidly to the water emergency. TRDHD was able to work with Emergency Management and a local Kroger store to secure an early shipment of gallon water jugs which were distributed to risk based populations as well as the local physicians, dentists and medical facilities. TRDHD home health nurses brought bottled water to their patients; environmentalists worked with local businesses to ensure compliance with environmental regulations while attempting to keep them operational; Health Department personnel worked with Owen County Emergency Management to ensure water distribution at a local hospital and two long term care facilities and they checked on these locations regularly; TRDHD provided public information and guidance to Owen County residents, Owen County Judge Carolyn Keith, and Owen County EM; and the Department opened its Operations Center to prepare situation reports and log events on WebEOC.

Judge Keith had high praise for Three Rivers saying the work they did during the emergency was "outstanding".



"Trailer Work Session"

Submitted by Margaret Hibbs

The Green River District Medical Reserve Corp hosted a trailer work session on Saturday January 25, 2014. They had 6 very committed volunteers to help clean, inventory and set-up shelter/ response equipment inside the local National Guard Armory. They worked very comfortably inside the heated bay as the snow fell quickly outside. This activity gave the new MRC coordinator, Jeff Rascoe a chance to work with the volunteers and for all involved to practice and prepare while using actual GRDMRC equipment. The work session lasted approximately 2 hours.

Local News Continued:

Floyd County LHD Responds to Water Outage

Submitted by Kim Hall

The Floyd County Health Department responded to the water outage crisis in Floyd County by purchasing 6960 gallons of water.

The water was delivered by health department staff to volunteer fire departments throughout the county. Residents then arrived at these locations to pick up water.

The Floyd County Health Department devised a plan to address the problem of homebound residents who could not get to fire departments to pick up water. The Health Department collaborated with local postal offices for mail carriers to deliver water to those residents.



News from the Branch:

KDPH DOC Activated to Level 3 (Limited) during three Responses



The Kentucky Department for Public Health Department Operations Center increased its DOC activation level from Level 4 (Monitoring) to Level 3 (Limited on Monday, January 27, 2014 to monitor and coordinate support for the following events:

- Propane Shortages throughout KY to include [planning for "possible" transfer of patients from long term care and hospital facilities based upon propane shortages]
- Water shortages – due to damaged water systems
- Warming centers – opened due to impending severe cold weather
- Nationwide shortage of Normal Saline

Areas experiencing any of these problems should notify the DOC via email at chfsdphdoc@ky.gov. Please include any pertinent information concerning the above incidents.

Staff participated in several conference calls to gain situational

awareness.

Officials Tour Regional Biocontainment Laboratory at U of L

Officials from Kentucky Division of Emergency Management, Kentucky Department for Public Health and Kentucky Office of Homeland Security took an informational tour of the Regional Biocontainment Laboratory at the University of Louisville. Taking part, from left, were Michael A. Jones, executive director, Management and Administration for the Department of Military Affairs and acting director of KYEM; Kathy Fowler, assistant director, Division of Public Health Protection, KDPH; Dr. Kraig Humbaugh, senior deputy commissioner, KDPH; Rebecca Gillis, Kentucky Public Health Preparedness Branch manager, KDPH; Aaron Horner, deputy executive director, KOHS; Dr. Stephanie Mayfield, commissioner, KDPH; Gene Kiser, executive director, KOHS; Dennis Sullivan, emergency manager, U of L; and Thomas J. Cremer IV, biological safety/EHS manger, U of L.



Newsletter Submissions

The next issue of **Preparedness at a Glance** will be sent out March 7, 2014. Submissions for the newsletter are due February 21.

Training - Know How

LCDMRC Weather Spotter Course – Region 14

February 11, 2014

6:00 PM – 9:00 PM ET.

Contact: Tishanna New (tishanna.new@lchd.org or (606) 678 – 4761 x1170)

ICS300 ITV – Bowling Green

March 26-28, 2014

Registration on TRAIN Course ID1048538

8:00 AM – 3:00 PM CT – Barren River District Health Department

Contact Jerrod Wright

ICS300 – Ashland, KY

April 8 – 10, 2014

Registration pending on TRAIN

Contact John Hunt

ICS400 ITV

April 16-17 2014

Registration on TRAIN Course ID1048540

7:30 AM – 3:30 PM CT – Barren River District Health Department

Contact Jerrod Wright

Events and Exercises

KY TN UPC Meeting – Lafayette TN

February 20, 2014

Meeting will be on Thursday. Contact: Jessica Gover

ESF8 Preparedness Conference – Louisville

March 3 – 5

TRAIN registration required. Course ID 1046745

Contact: Kim Yazell

Severe Weather Exercise – Various Locations

March 11, 2014

Contact Grant Gillion

LHD Funding for ESF-8 Conference Attendance

This year, Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) funding will be allocated to all Kentucky local health departments to support travel for the preparedness program. This includes travel for Preparedness Coordinators, HPP Coordinators, MRC Leaders, Regional Epis or others to attend the ESF-8 conference March 3-5 in Louisville. LHDs may also support travel for preparedness partners such as EM as long as at least 1 LHD representative attends the conference.

This funding is contingent upon final approval by CDC, but we expect that approval soon. \$1,000 will be added to cost center 821 and represents the average cost of travel, per diem, and hotel costs for two attendees. Four health departments in Region 6 (Louisville area) will receive a reduced amount to offset travel expenses. Local health departments may certainly send more than two attendees and utilize local funds for the additional people. Attendees **must** register in KY TRAIN (<https://ky.train.org>) **Course ID 1046745**

This event was set up as a conference, so registration is slightly different. The courses listed using disciplines PH=Public Health, LTC=Long Term Care, HPP=Hospital Preparedness Program, Epi=Epidemiologists and Bonus for additional trainings. This was to help you choose the appropriate courses. Participants do not have to stick to a specific discipline.

Registration:

1. Go to TRAIN (<https://ky.train.org>) and enter the course ID
2. Click the **Registration** Tab
3. Click **Register for Conference** button
4. Click the Add button next to the courses you will attend (mandatory courses are already marked)
5. Select the Credit type (either **Contact hours** for Continuing Education or **none**)
6. Click the **Next** button until you see the "Complete Registration" button
7. Click the **Complete Registration** button
8. Registration cut off is **February 21**

Hotel Information:

- Louisville Crown Plaza Hotel
- Hotel reservations can be made at 1-888-233-9527 or https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome_ei_new&eventID=10845271
- Passcode for the block of rooms is **ESF8 Conference**
- Hotel Room cost is \$103/night plus sales and local tax
- Cutoff for special room rates is **February 21**

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Holiday Reminder

KDPH and most Health Departments will be closed on the following day:

½ Day - April 18 – Good Friday

ESF-8 Conference Continuing Education

The ESF-8 conference has been approved for the following continuing education:

- Nursing CE*
- RS CE
- CPHCE*

We have applied for continuing education for:

- CHES
- CME
- EM

* Only discipline appropriate sessions were approved for CE